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Foreign Relations Trying CIA 'Poach-In'--Hebert

U. S. Rep. F. Edward Hebert said Sunday that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is trying to "poach in" on an area it has no justification to enter, with its efforts to get three of its members on the Central Intelligence Agency Committee.

Senators J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) and Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) have said that the Foreign Relations Committee should have representatives on the CIA Committee and are attempting to change Senate rules to bring this about.

Hebert, who has been a member of the House Armed Services CIA Committee for more than six years, said that expansion of the supervision of the CIA would expand the possibility of information leaking unintentionally.

"It is a difficult job to be a member of such a committee,"

the Congressman said, "because there is a lot of information we are privy to. We are briefed every week or two by the CIA and are told its involvement with the entire world situation."

The CIA is not lacking in supervision, Hebert assured.

"I can say categorically and dogmatically that the CIA does not engage in counter-spying and counter-espionage on its own," said Hebert. "Its authority comes from the Security Council or the President."

Hebert said it is no secret that there are spies in this country, and that the United States is trying to outdo them with a better job of spying in other countries.

He said the United States spends an enormous amount of money to gather information in other countries, while spies in this country can walk to the newsstand to secure most of the information they are looking for.